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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME;

The Curators of the University of Missouri

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Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF eighteen years from the date of this grant, subject to the payment of the required fees and periodic replenishment of viable basic ged of the variety in a public repository as provided by LAW, the right to expecting it, or exporting it, or offering it for sale, or reproducing it, porting it, or exporting it, or using it in producing a hybrid or different therefrom, to the extent provided by the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Inited States seed of this variety (1) shall be sold by variety name only as a certified seed and (2) shall conform to the number of generations the owner of the rights. (34 stat. 1542, as amended, 7 u.s.c. 2321 et seq.)

COTTON

'Delcot 311'

In Lestimony Whereot, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington this 19th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTME AGRICULTURAL MARI LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, GRA	KETING SERVICE AIN & SEED DIVISION	<i>:</i> 1		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 40-R3822
APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIES INSTRUCTIONS: See Reverse.	TY PROTECTIO	N CERTIFICA	be issued unless a has been received (5	plant variety protection may completed application form 5 U.S.C. 553).
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M074-944	Delcot 31		PV NUMBER	310029
2. KIND NAME	3. GENUS AND SPE	CIES NAME	FILING DATE	TIME A.M.
Cotton, Upland	Gossypium h	<u>irsutum</u> <u>L</u>	. 11/24/80 FEE RECEIVED	2:00 P.M.
4. FAMILY NAME (BOTANICAL) Malvaceae	october, 1		\$ 500.00 \$ 250.00	11/24/80 10/19/81
6. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) The Curators of the University of Missouri	225 Univer	sity Hall	No., City, State, and ZIP	8. TELEPHONE AREA CODE AND NUMBER
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13. CHECK BOX BELOW FOR EACH ATTACH	MENT SUBMITTED:		:	
13A. Exhibit A, Origin and Bree	eding History of the	Variety (See Sect	ion 52 of the Plant Varie	ty Protection Act)
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The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable a 42 of the Plant Variety Act.	e owner(s) of this se	xually reproduced	l novel plant variety, and	believe(s) that the e provisions of Section
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INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: Send an original copy of the application and exhibits, at least 2,500 viable seeds, and \$500 fee (\$250 filing fee and \$250 examination fee) to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Livestock, Poultry, Grain and Seed Division, Plant Variety Protection Office, National Agricultural Library Building, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. (See section 180.175 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the form are self-explanatory unless noted below.

ITEM

- Give the date the applicant determined that he had a new variety based on (1) the definition in section 41(a) of the Act and (2) the date a decision was made to increase the seed.
- Give: (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method; (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication; (3) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified and (4) evidence of uniformity and stability.
- Give a summary statement of the variety's novelty. Clearly state how this novel variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety most closely resembles one or a group of related varieties:

 (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively; (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these differences are significant; and (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs of seed and plant comparisons clearly indicating novelty.
- Fill in the Exhibit C, Objective Description form, for all characteristics for which you have adequate data.
- Describe any additional characteristics that are not described, or whose description cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the description of characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as, plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- If "YES" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed) the applicant may NOT reverse his affirmative decision after the variety has either been sold and so labeled, his decision published, or the certificate has been issued. However, if the applicant specified "NO," he may change his choice. (See section 180.16 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)
- See section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act and section 180.7 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.

13A. Exhibit A: Origin and Breeding of Delcot 311 Cotton¹
W. P. Sappenfield²

"Delcot 311" cotton (<u>Gossypium hirsutum</u> L.), formerly designated MO74-944, was developed by W. P. Sappenfield, Professor, Dept. of Agronomy, Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station, Delta Center, Portageville, MO and released in March 1, 1980.

Delcot 311 originated as a single F₂ plant derived from a segregating population resulting from the following complex series of crosses and backcrosses among predominately Verticillium wilt tolerant Delcot 277 breeding lines that possessed superior fiber properties

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71CX-14 and 71CX-15 were BC $_2$ S $_3$ mass selections derived from [Delcot 277 Sel x 101-102 B) $_{F_1}$ x [(Delcot 277 Sel x MoDel) $_{F_1}$ x Delcot 277 Sel]BC $_1$ F $_3$ x Delcot Sels S65-391, 396].

71CX-17 and 71CX-18 were BC₂S₃ selections derived from $\left\{ [\text{Delcot}] \right\}$ 277 Sel x (MoDel x Auburn 56-B₂B₆)_{F3}]BC₁S₃ x Delcot Sels S65-391,396.

MoDel originated as an F_3 plant from $\{(TJ \times Early Fluff 310)_{F_3} \times Auburn 56\}_{F_3} \times Auburn 56-5714 BR \}$.

TJ was derived from TH108 x Hopi Acala 6-1-4. TH108 originated from the trispecies hybrid G. hirsutum-arboreum-thurberi.

Early Fluff 310 was a selection from (Cook x Empire) x Tanguis. "Tanguis" is a variety of \underline{G} . $\underline{barbadense}$.

The crossing of 101-102 B(B₂B₃), Auburn 56 (B₂B₆) and MoDel with the Delcot 277 lines provided sources of gene combinations for immunity to the bacterial blight pathogen, <u>Kanthomonas malvacearum</u> (E. F. Sm) Dows; races 1,2,10,11 and 12; tolerance to the Verticillium wilt pathogen, <u>Verticillium dahliae</u> Kleb and resistance to the Fusarium wilt-root knot disease pathogens, <u>Fusarium oxysporum</u> Schlect. <u>f. vasinfectum</u> (Atk.) Snyd. and Hans. and <u>Meloidogyne</u> incognita (Kofoid and White) Chitwood.

Following the last crossing series (F_2 Mass Sel x 71CX 14+15+ 17+18 Composite), the F_2 plant, S68-182(31), was isolated from the bulk using the Missouri inoculation-selection greenhouse procedure for screening plants resistant to root-knot nematodes, bacterial blight, Fusarium wilt and Verticillium wilt . In 1974 field tests, the S68-182(31) F_3 line demonstrated superior agronomic, fiber quality and disease resistance characteristics and was selected for further evaluation. It was then designated B74-944. From 1975-1979, B74-944, later designated M074-944, underwent critical

evaluation under diverse soil and disease conditions. During this period disease susceptible, off-type and lint quality inferior isolates were rogued. During 1978-79, M074-944 also was grown extensively in out-state regional trials for comparative observations for lint quality and limits of adaptation. Production of breeder's and foundation seed was initiated in 1978 and will be maintained by the Foundation Seed Stock Project, Dept. of Agronomy, MO Agric. Exp. Sta., Columbia MO. Seed also has been deposited in the National Seed Storage Lab. at Fort Collins, Colorado.

During the past four years of evaluation and isolated seed increase, Delcot 311 plants have appeared relatively stable and uniform during any given season but plants may vary from intermediate to more compact in a stressed environment or from intermediate to more spreading in late plantings and/or under conditions of above optimum soil moisture, fertility and temperature. Similarly, Delcot 311 fiber characteristics appear stable, relatively, when compared with Delcot 277, Stoneville 213 and Coker 310. It must be recognized that fiber strength, length, uniformity and micronaire varies from season to season with changes in seasonal environment.

off-type plants approaching semi-cluster may appear 1:600 and small bolled, small bracted spindly plants may occur 1:900. Plants that show some degree of reaction (speckled resistance to susceptibility) to <u>Xanthomonas malvacearum</u>, mixed inoculum of races 1,2,10,11 and 12 may occur 1:50±10. The remaining plants appear immune to the mixed inoculum. All plants in advanced generations are expected to approach immunity to X. mal. races 1,2,7,10,11 and 12.

13B. Exhibit B: Novelty Statement

Delcot 311 is most similar to Delcot 277J. Delcot 311 differs from Delcot 277J in having a higher percent of lint, smaller bolls and seeds and resistance to bacterial blight, Xanthomonas malvacearum races 1,2,10,11 and 12. Delcot 311 has intermediate green leaf color. Delcot 277J has light green leaf color. Delcot 311 is more vigorous and taller growing than Delcot 277J. Delcot 311 has storm resistance, normal open bolls. Delcot 277J has fully-opened and often storm susceptible bolls and stringy locks at maturity. Delcot 311 produces medium length fiber while Delcot 277J produces significantly longer fiber. Delcot 311 produces fiber with a higher length uniformity ratio, a higher micronaire and a higher yarn tenacity than Delcot 277J. Delcot 311 fiber also is characterized by a high fiber elasticity (Stelometer E1) like Delcot 277.

Table 2. Comparative Boll, Seed and Lint Properties of Delcot 311 and Four Commercial Cotton Varieties Grown in Southeast Missouri 1975-78 (10 Tests)

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Variety or Strain	Lint ¹ / Fraction	Boll ² / Wt.	Seed2/ Index	2.5% ¹ / Span Length in	Length ¹ / Uniformity Ratio	Micro-1/ naire	Yarn2/ Tenacity 27 Tex
	103/	2	2	10	10	10	8
Delcot 311 (Mo74-944)	37.5	6.30	12.48	1.12	47	4.4	12.89
Stoneville 213	36.2	5.95	12.48	1.13	45	4.8	11.51
Delcot 277J	36.8	6.65	13.15	1.19	44	4.2	12.51
Coker 310	36.9	6.10	12.75	1.19	44	4.5	12.36
Deltapine 55		5.45	11.25				
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Delcot $311\frac{2}{2}$	38.2			1.14	48	4.5	13.16
Deltapine ² / 55	38.8		<u> </u>	1.14	44	4.6	11.98

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13D. Exhibit D: Additional Description of Delcot 311

Delcot 311 is an upland, medium staple cotton, <u>Gossypium</u>

<u>hirsutum L.</u> Delcot 311 maturity (50% open bolls) is 4 days

earlier than Stoneville 213 but 2 days later than Delcot 277J.

Delcot 311 plant habit is intermediate between spreading and compact but vary from intermediate to more compact in a stressed environment or from intermediate to more spreading in late plantings and/or under conditions of above optimum soil moisture, fertility and temperature.

Delcot 311 plants average 5 cm shorter than Coker 310 and 11 cm taller than Stoneville 213. Delcot 311 stalks are erect with high off-ground initial fruiting branches.

Mature normal type leaves of average pubescence of Delcot
311 are average in size but are reduced under stress and increased in environments with above optimum soil moisture, fertility
and temperature or in late plantings.

Delcot 311 leaf color is intermediate between light and dark green. Delcot 277 leaves are light green and Stoneville 213 leaves are normal dark green when soil fertility is optimum.

Delcot 311 flowers are nectaried. Petals and anthers are cream colored.

Delcot 311 plants are indeterminate with normal fruiting branches. Fruiting branches with short first internodes may develop under stress.

Delcot 311 possesses normal size boll, seed and vegetative gossypol bearing glands. Bud gossypol content is normal.

Delcot 311 seed index averages 12.8±.4 grams and show moderate seed fuzz. Delcot 311 mature open-type bolls normally possess 4-5 locules and approximately 30 seeds. They contain an average of 6.30 g seed cotton per boll which averages 37.5% lint. Boll carpel walls are finely pitted. Bolls are broader in their middle than at their base and their length is longer than their width.

Delcot 311 bracts often are conspicious. Their length is greater than the width. Teeth are usually coarse and numerous.

Delcot 311 fiber is shorter in length, but more uniform than that of Delcot 277.

Its fiber length equals that of Stoneville 213. Delcot 311 micronaire is coarser than that for Delcot 277 but finer than that of Stoneville 213. Delcot 311 fiber is stronger than that of either Delcot 277 or Stoneville 213. The fiber when spun produces excellent yarns. Delcot 311 is resistant to Verticillium wilt, the Fusarium wilt-root knot disease complex and to bacterial blight, races 1,2,11 and 12. It has continued to segregate some for resistance to race 10.

Delcot 311 is a full season variety in the northern portions of the Mississippi Delta. It possesses exceptional seedling vigor potential and high "off-ground" fruiting characteristics. Delcot 311 has produced excellent lint yields on sand, loam and clay soils, locally, 1975-79, and in wide range regional tests, 1978-79.